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SUBJ: FRENCH VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES

IN CONVERSATION WITH POPPER, LEPRETTE (FRENCH
FONOFF DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS) EXPRESSED FOLLOWING
VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES.

LEPRETTE HAD PRAISE FOR SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AND
SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SECTIONS ON PEACEKEEPING
AND FOOD. ON PEACEKEEPING, POPPER EXPLAINED WE HAD IN
MIND REVIEWING LIST OF FUNCTIONS TO BE EXERCISED BY
SECURITY COUNCIL AND SECRETARY GENERAL, RESPECTIVELY,
FOR OBSERVER AND PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. SAID IT
MIGHT LOGICALLY BE EXPECTED WE WOULD SHIFT MORE OF
DECISION-MAKING TO SECURITY COUNCIL OR SUBORDINATE
COMMITTEE WORKING UNDER ITS RULES. HOWEVER, WE EXPECTED
SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION WE WOULD EXHIBIT WOULD BE
RECIPROCATED BY SOVIETS; PROCESS COULD NOT BE ENTIRELY
ONE-WAY. TO HAVE EVERY DECISION, NO MATTER HOW MINOR,
MADE BY UNSC WOULD DESTROY OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY.
WHILE WE COULD NOT KNOW WHEN UN WOULD AGAIN RESORT TO
A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, WOULD COULD AT LEAST ENSURE
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THAT WHEN THIS HAPPENED THE METHODS TO BE UTILIZED

WOULD NOT BE A MATTER OF DISAGREEMENT. LEPRETTE STATED HE THOUGHT FRENCH WOULD BE GLAD TO GO ALONG ON THIS BASIS.

RE SECRETWRY'S PROPOSAL FOR UN FOOD CONFERENCE, LEPRETTE STATED FRENCH THOUGHT FAO HAD BEEN FAR FROM COMPLETELY EFFECTIVE IN FORECASTING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD. HE SEEMED DISINCLINED TO USE FAO AS VEHICLE FOR CARRYING OUT ITS OWN OR OTHER FOOD PROPOSALS. POPPER SAID WE THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES EXAMINE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND REVIEW METHODS FOR DEALING WITH IT IN YEARS TO COME. LEPRETTE THOUGHT CONCEPT WAS USEFUL, SAID FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PLANS.

ON KOREA, LEPRETTE EXPRESSED DOUBT PRO-ROK DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD ACHIEVE NECESSARY MAJORITY. HE MADE IT CLEAR FRENCH DID NOT DESIRE FIGHT ON THIS MATTER AND HOPED THAT PROPONENTS OF ROK AND ALGERIAN RESOLUTIONS COULD REACH A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT. WHILE FRENCH WOULD NOT ACCEPT ALGERIAN RESOLUTION LANGUAGE CRITICAL OF UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND FOREIGN FORCES IN KOREA, THEY WOULD OF COURSE GO ALONG WITH DISOLUTION OF UNCURK.

LEPRETTE WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT WE DID NOT EXPECT MOVEMENT ON TERRORISM AT THIS GA. HE WAS GENUINELY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR DESIRE TO OBTAIN UNGA APPROVAL FOR CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF TERRORISTS.
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